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**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Department of Health and Human Services Staff  
Interested Community Partners

FROM:  Michael J. Willden

SUBJECT: Child and Family Services Administrator Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Amber Howell as the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS). Her appointment is effective immediately.

Amber joined DCFS in April 2006 as a Social Services Chief helping to coordinate and lead Nevada's efforts to implement Program Improvement Plans in response to required Federal Child and Family Services reviews. In April 2009, she was promoted to Deputy Administrator for Child Welfare Services.

Prior to her service with DCFS, she worked as a Behavioral Health Counselor, Drug Court Counselor and Coordinator, Mental Health Technician, Community Rehab Services Coordinator, and Human Rights Officer.

Amber has a degree in Psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno, and has done graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

I am pleased to have Amber as a part of the Department of Health and Human Services Management Team. I hope you will welcome Amber to her new role and assist her with her ongoing responsibilities.